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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 2008

GENERAL: For another week, North Carolina received substantial rain with totals ranging from 0.38 to 1.78 inches. The recent rains and spring like temperatures are helping the pastures green up and start growing. Most stations reported temperatures above normal for the week with average temperatures ranging from 36 to 57 degrees. There were 4.8 days suitable for field work, compared to 3.6 days the previous week. Statewide soil moisture levels are rated at 2% very short, 13% short, 74% adequate and 11% surplus. Activities during the week included tending to livestock, the planting of Irish potatoes and cabbage, spreading of fertilizer, spring planting preparations and general farm maintenance.

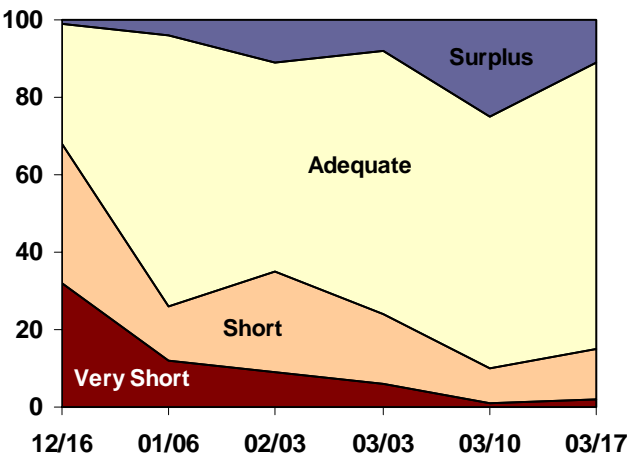
CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED:				
Cabbage	44	39	79	51
Irish Potatoes	35	17	61	53

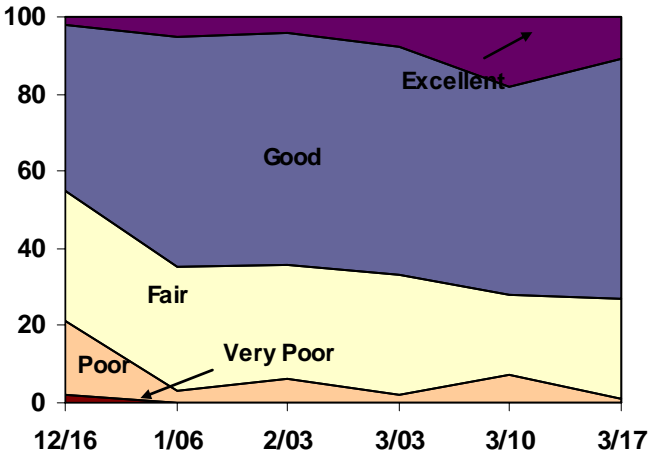
TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State	2	13	74	11
Mountain Region	3	21	65	11
Piedmont Region	2	16	72	10
Coastal Plain Region	1	4	84	11

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT STATEWIDE



WHEAT CONDITION PERCENT STATEWIDE



CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	1	3	10	70	16
Oats	0	3	22	64	11
Rye	0	0	33	60	7
Wheat	0	1	26	62	11
Pasture	11	28	38	21	2

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

Crop information in this report is provided voluntarily by county officials of the Cooperative Extension Service, FSA, NRCS and other knowledgeable individuals.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2008

Station Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.) For This Week			
	Total This Week	Departure From Normal This Week	Total Since January 1, 2008	Departure From Normal Since January 1, 2008	High	Low	Average	Departure From Normal
Apex	0.97	0.00	7.83	-2.28	75	28	52	3
Asheville	0.62	-0.45	9.36	-0.46	73	25	48	2
Aurora	0.44	-0.47	8.93	-0.82	74	34	54	4
Beech Mountain	0.69	-0.57	10.70	-1.03	56	8	36	0
Chapel Hill	0.82	-0.16	9.41	-0.61	76	28	52	4
Charlotte	1.78	0.73	8.37	-1.76	74	31	53	3
Clinton	0.87	-0.11	10.16	0.03	75	31	53	2
Concord	1.00	-0.01	6.97	-3.02	75	25	52	2
Eden	0.46	-0.46	4.65	-4.59	73	24	48	2
Elizabeth City	0.39	-0.52	4.98	-5.10	71	31	53	4
Fayetteville	0.75	-0.20	8.39	-1.47	76	29	53	2
Goldsboro	0.65	-0.33	10.07	-0.35	74	30	53	2
Greensboro	0.59	-0.26	6.69	-1.95	74	30	53	5
Greenville	0.78	-0.12	10.37	0.20	75	30	56	6
Halifax	0.79	-0.12	11.05	1.33	75	30	55	7
Hayesville	1.13	0.19	13.90	4.00	73	23	47	-5
Hickory	0.62	-0.50	6.91	-3.64	73	29	52	4
Jackson Springs	0.86	-0.12	8.68	-1.63	76	30	52	2
Jacksonville	0.93	-0.05	9.92	-1.01	75	30	56	3
Jefferson	0.79	-0.19	9.12	-0.24	71	19	44	1
Kinston	0.76	-0.15	9.07	-1.13	74	30	54	3
Laurinburg	0.58	-0.46	9.59	-0.91	77	32	54	3
Lenoir	0.80	-0.26	8.97	-1.02	73	13	47	-3
Lexington	0.65	-0.33	6.65	-3.38	76	20	50	-1
Lincolnton	0.82	-0.23	7.18	-2.85	74	25	52	2
Louisburg	0.89	-0.04	7.56	-2.36	74	26	51	4
Marshall	0.90	-0.01	8.27	-0.39	72	18	44	-1
Monroe	1.11	0.00	7.77	-3.25	75	30	54	3
Mount Airy	0.38	-0.60	6.09	-2.95	73	24	47	-2
New Bern	0.47	-0.44	8.52	-2.32	75	29	55	3
North Wilkesboro	0.67	-0.38	7.11	-3.16	75	19	48	3
Old Fort	0.65	-0.59	8.27	-2.56	74	21	47	3
Oxford	0.74	-0.19	7.86	-1.64	74	29	52	4
Raleigh-Durham	0.83	-0.06	8.47	-0.92	76	28	54	5
Roanoke Rapids	0.78	-0.13	8.29	-1.43	73	29	50	2
Rocky Mount	0.65	-0.29	7.66	-2.09	74	29	53	5
Siler City	0.84	-0.19	8.09	-2.42	75	26	51	4
Waynesville	1.01	-0.24	11.13	-0.19	67	21	43	-4
Whiteville	1.60	0.55	10.80	0.67	77	31	54	2
Williamston	0.40	-0.51	10.52	0.62	73	32	54	3
Wilmington	1.09	0.18	9.25	-0.56	74	33	57	4

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary

